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BRITISH GREYHOUND RACING BOARD

FEAR ME (9.22), who advertised his claims to outright honours in no uncertain fashion when sauntering to a new track record in last week's heats, can safely book his place in the Betfred Eclipse final by taking the hottest semi-final at Nottingham tonight.

A winner of eight of his 11 races at the track, the big gallop and long run to the corner really suits Charlie Lister's two-year-old down to the ground.

He is opposed by class in abundance tonight, but has the early gears to take charge at the corner and should have the race in safe keeping.

Seeing out the 500m trip adequately, it would take a huge effort from one of his rivals to back-run him like that scenario.

Kylegrove Flight is very much the sponsors bogey

■ **by JIM AUSTIN of the RACING POST**

having laid him at 33-1 and 20-1 prior to the event. He would need to step up markedly on his first round performance but has the draw of all draws in this heat and could well chase Fear Me home.

YORKSHIRE (9.07) can put in the occasional stinker, but when he's on form is red hot as was certainly the case when returning from a six-week lay-off last week.

Weak

Chris Lund's dog has pulled a relatively weak heat and one containing very little early speed, so he should have matters in control a long way out and it will be a surprise if anything gets near him.

Recent Laurels hero **BLONDE BOSS (9.37)** continues in terrific form

and it was simply a case of 'how far' after he trapped well and paced up nicely to take an early lead in his heat.

Outside neighbour Rhincrow Snowie was the only other heat winner in this eliminator.

He could possibly contain some initial nudge factor to the selection but he is not in the same class as him on all-known form and will do well to stay with him.

Henlow's Stondon St Leger is lacking in both quantity and quality, with **FEAR NO BATTLE (8.55)** fancied to atone for an expensive course and distance defeat last month.

He should be able to exploit an ideal rails pitch in the third eliminator of the 660m event and he has very little to beat.



TOP MAN: Blonde Boss is fancied at Nottingham

NOTTINGHAM TONIGHT

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GOOD SIT: Winner Garvionnion leads over the Chair fence on the first circuit

NATIONAL IS GARV'S SON

IRISH trainer Edward Mitchell was miffed when Garvionnion missed the cut for this year's John Smith's Grand National by just one.

But his long-term plan to make sure it didn't happen again was executed to perfection in the Totepost Becher Handicap Chase at Aintree yesterday.

The three-and-a-half mile contest over the formidable National fences was remarkable when six horses jumped the last in a line. They included the veteran 2004 winner Amberleigh House who, sadly for his fans, was the first to tire.

As the final sprint unfolded, it was Garvionnion under Garrett Cotter who proved strongest, holding off Le

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Duc by three parts of a length with Just In Debt a neck back in third.

Cotter, who is 27 tomorrow, said: "That's my first win over these fences. It was a dream ride. I've been round here a few times but I've never had a ride as good as that!"

Mitchell, who trains a string of nine at Ballyneety, Co Limerick, pointed out that Ruby Walsh had ridden Garvionnion at Killarney and insisted this was a National horse.

"He won the Cork National on this day last year and I was in two minds about where to go today. But we said we would run him in this to get him higher in the handicap. This is the first time Garrett has ridden him."

SOUTHWELL: LIVE COMMENTARY ON 09055-141-603 (results 613)

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) T Barron 95 winners, (20% strike rate), +£87.64, P Blockley 44, (16%), +£21.89, R Hollinshead 38, (9%), -£163.01, Mrs N Macaulay 38, (8%), -£255.00, K R Burke 37, (11%), -£106.44, B Smart 37, (12%), +£50.29, D Shaw 35, (7%), -£230.94, S Bowring 34, (7%), -£153.72, J Balding 29, (9%), +£17.25, M Polglase 28, (5%), -£266.39, N Littmoden 28, (11%), +£21.66.

TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) N Callan 77 winners, (15% strike rate), -£75.87, A Culhane 59, (11%), -£106.68, C Catlin 47, (9%), -£84.16, J Quinn 45, (8%), -£248.09, Dean McKeown 43, (9%), -£118.11, M Fenton 37, (10%), -£154.39, J Fanning 36, (10%), -£88.59, G Gibbons 35, (10%), -£176.93.

12.00 AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (DIV 1)

| Class 6 | 1m | (14 runners) | £2,924 |
|---------|---------|--|------------------------|
| 1 (13) | 0655001 | SPITFIRE BOB (6)(CD,D,A,F)(P) M Sowerby 6 11 (96a) | Miss K Seabury(7) — |
| 2 (11) | 8300023 | HARARE (14) R J Price 4 11 7 | Mr M Price(7) — |
| 3 (6) | 5580004 | DIDNT TELL MY WIFE (19)(D2,A,F,S) J C Paulsen 5 11 5 | Mr A Chahal(7) 9 |
| 4 (11) | 123356 | HOWS THAT (207)(CD,C,A,G) K R Burke 3 11 5 | Miss K Seabury(7) 9 |
| 5 (14) | 2084044 | SHANEER (14) Mrs L J Morgan 3 11 5 | Miss S Sawyer(7) *27 |
| 6 (4) | 0546001 | QUIET READING (227)(CD2,C,D,A)(V) M Boyle 9 11 4 | Mr A Chahal(7) 9 |
| 7 (9) | 0460000 | CRUX (39) C Thornton 3 11 4 | Mrs S Dobson 15 |
| 8 (2) | 004 | CAPE VENUS (137) S Corle 3 11 4 | Mr S Walker 10 |
| 9 (3) | 0006022 | SUGITANI (17) N B King 3 11 2 | Mr M Bailey(7) — |
| 10 (12) | 0000000 | ACTIVE ACCOUNT (14)(D,A)(B) J Holt 8 11 2 | Mr R Clement(7) — |
| 11 (7) | 000006 | LAYED BACK ROCKY (50) M Mullineaux 3 11 2 | Miss M Mullineaux(7) — |
| 12 (8) | 0000050 | FEAST OF ROMANCE (9)(C,S,A)(B) C Dore 8 10 12 | Mr J Owen(3) 13 |
| 13 (8) | 2008414 | RAGASAH (30)(C,A)(P) E Cortel 7 10 12 | Miss Alex Wells(7) — |
| 14 (10) | 0002520 | BOLD MAGGIE (7) J Polking 3 10 11 | Miss K James(7) — |

Star Betting: — 5 Didnt Tell My Wife, 6 Spitfire Bob, 7 Ragasah, 8 Shaneer, Sugitani, 10 Harare, Hows That, 12 others.

BEST DRAWN: Feast Of Romance (drawn 8) 14%, Ragasah (drawn 5) 11%, 2004: Colemanstown, 4-11-5, (Miss L. Ellison), 9-2 B Ellison, dr (2), 13 ran.

STARFORM: DIDNT TELL MY WIFE Dgr: Quiet Reading

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| 12.00 QUIET READING | 12.30 FULVIO |
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| 12.30 SPEAKERBOXXXX (nb) | 1.00 KATCHIT |
| 1.00 QUEEN'S COMPOSER | 1.30 NOBLE EDGE |
| 1.30 SECRET TENDER | 2.00 CEREBUS |
| 2.00 NAN JAN (treble) | 2.30 NEWNHAM |
| 2.30 SWINDON | 3.00 PEAK PARK (nap) |
| 3.00 QUEEN'S DANCER | 3.30 COOL SANDS (nb) |
| 3.30 HE'S A ROCKET | 3.30 COOL SANDS (nb) |

STARFORM: 12.00 Didnt Tell My Wife (treble), 2.00 Chilly Cracker (nb), 3.00 Peak Park (nap).

CLOCKFORM: 1.00 Queen's Composer two points win.

RETWEILER: 12.00 Spitfire Bob 12.30 Speakerboxxxx 1.00 Queen's Composer 1.30 Cool Isle 2.00 Chilly Cracker 2.30 Newnham 3.00 Peak Park 3.30 Cool Sands.

GOING: Standard

JACKPOT & PLACEPOT: First six races.

TRACKFACTS

Left-hand all weather course of one and a quarter miles and a home straight of three furlongs.

12.30 AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (DIV 2)

| Class 6 | 1m | (14 runners) | £2,919 |
|---------|---------|--|------------------------|
| 1 (7) | 0000200 | BARKS SPY (14) R J Price 4 11 7 | Mr J Owen(3) 10 |
| 2 (8) | 1010000 | GEM BIEN (45)(CD,C,D,A,F,S) D Chapman 7 11 7 | Miss Kelly Harrison — |
| 3 (13) | 2542335 | SOUND AND VISION (140)(V) M Dods 3 11 5 | Mr S Dobson *32 |
| 4 (4) | 4350006 | INTENDED (43)(T) A Balding 3 11 5 | Miss M Seabury(7) 12 |
| 5 (1) | 0000040 | DAVE (74)(F) R Best 4 11 4 | Miss K Manser(5) — |
| 6 (14) | 00051 | SPEAKERBOXXXX (13)(C,A) P Cole 3 11 4 | Mr S Walker 13 |
| 7 (11) | 4124004 | WELL MEET AGAIN (10)(A,B) W Eastley 5 11 4 | Miss S Seabury(7) 12 |
| 8 (2) | 6400050 | YORKER (5)(CD2,A,F,S) M Deborah J Evans 7 11 3 | Mr C Elmhurst(7) — |
| 9 (10) | 4400022 | FULVIO (7)(B,D,A)(V) P Howling 5 11 2 | Miss F Gullbert(7) 11 |
| 10 (8) | 0000000 | MAJHEAR (16) A Newcombe 3 11 2 | Miss C Hannaford — |
| 11 (12) | 0000000 | SYDNEYROUGHDIAMOND (15)(P) M Mullineaux 3 11 0 | Miss M Mullineaux(7) — |
| 12 (5) | 0000016 | MUTATED (23)(CD2,D,A,F) Lintford 7 10 12 | Mrs Emma Lintford 26 |
| 13 (6) | 000415 | VETTORIOUS (46)(D) G Mre P Sy 3 10 11 | Mr S F Mayes(5) 10 |
| 14 (5) | 0030004 | SISTER EUGENIE (6) S Kirk 3 10 11 | DOUBTFUL 10 |

Star Betting: — 5-2 Speakerboxxxx, 4 Well Meet Again, 7 Sound And Vision, Intended, 8 Bark's Spy, Fulvio, 12 Gem Bien, Mutated, 16 others.

BEST DRAWN: Majheer (drawn 8) 14%, Mutated (drawn 5) 11%.

2004: See Division 1.

STARFORM: MUTATED Danger: Speakerboxxxx

1.00 E.B.F. NOVICE STAKES

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| 5 | (2) | 64400 | MAMBO SUN (10) P Blockley 8 12 | F Lynch | 50 |
| 6 | (2) | 222 | QUEEN'S COMPOSER (9) B Smart 8 12 | Paul Elderby | *73 |
| 7 | (8) | 00 | SAHARA STYLE (10) R Hollinshead 8 12 | G Gibbons | 43 |
| 8 | (4) | 00 | TWILL (22) H Morrison 8 12 | D Holland | 40 |
| 9 | (6) | 4001002 | CAPTIVATE (6)(D,F,B) M Polglase 8 9 | D McKeown | 21 |
| 10 | (5) | 00 | BOUCHEEN Mr Deborah J Evans 8 9 | E Ahern | — |
| 11 | (11) | 00 | BLUE DANIELLE A Brown 8 9 | C Catlin | — |

Star Betting: — 2 Queen's Composer, 3 Katchit, 9-2 Makai, 6 Is It 12, 10, Captivate, 16 Mambo Sun, Twill, 25 others.

BEST DRAWN: Sahara Style (drawn 8) & Boucheen (drawn 5) 14%.

Star Betting: — 2 Queen's Composer, 3 Katchit, 9-2 Makai, 6 Is It Me, 12 Captivate, 16 Mambo Sun, Twill, 25 others.

BEST DRAWN: Sahara Style (drawn 8) & Boucheen (drawn 5) 14%.

2004: Major Fax Pans, 9-2 (S W Kelly, 9-4 J A Osborne, drawn 5), 7 ran.

STARFORM: IS IT ME Danger: Makai

1.30 DAILY OFFERS AT BETDIRECT SELLING STAKES

| | | | | |
|----|------|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 5 | (12) | 0002244 | NOBLE EDGE (159)(B/P) P Blockley 8 12 | F Lynch 47 |
| 6 | (9) | 05000 | PSYCHO CAT (8) M Channon 8 12 | C Catlin 57 |
| 7 | (8) | 000000 | SAXON STAR (78) M Usher 8 12 | Hayley Turner 48 |
| 8 | (14) | 680025 | SECRET TENDER (6) Weymes 8 12 | D Holland 46 |
| 9 | (7) | 03000 | SPOFFITTER (41) R Durnell 8 12 | M Hallford(5) 35 |
| 10 | (0) | 000480 | TOUR D'AMOUR (10)(P) St Liddard 8 12 | M Fenton 60 |
| 11 | (3) | 04204 | AXIS SHIELD (5) J Portman 8 12 | N De Souza(3) 41 |
| 12 | (1) | 0500224 | COOL ISLE (10)(B) K Ryan 8 12 | N Callan 63 |
| 13 | (11) | 0004003 | DEVON RUBY (6)(P) Mrs A Duffield 8 7 | P Passey 37 |
| 14 | (13) | 4060003 | MISS MUJAHID THAMES (13) A Brown 8 7 | E Ahern 37 |

Edge 13-2 Tour D'Amour 14-2 Secret Tender, Cumberland Road, 11-2 Cool Isle, 6 Noble Edge, 13-2 Tour D'Amour, 14-2 Secret Tender, 11-2 Cool Isle, 6 Noble Edge.

BEST DRAWN: Cuesta Canyon (drawn 5) 14%, Mytass (drawn 4), Psycho Cat (drawn 3) & Cumberland Road (drawn 2) 9%.

Star Betting: — 4 Secret Tender, Cumberland Road, 11-2 Cool Isle, 6 Noble Edge, 13-2 Tour D'Amour, 10 Psycho Cat, Axis Shield, 14 others.

BEST DRAWN: Cuesta Canyon (drawn 5) 14%, Mytass (drawn 4), Psycho Cat (drawn 9) & Cumberland Road (drawn 2) 9%.

2004: Bogaz, 8-12, (C Ely(7), 11-2 P Blockley, drawn 6), 12 ran.

STARFORM: CUMBERLAND ROAD Dgr: Secret Tender

2.00 BETDIRECT.CO.UK FILLIES' HANDICAP

| Class 5 | 6f | (14 runners) | £4,030 |
|---------|---------|--|------------------|
| 1 (9) | 0031020 | MARINATE (21)(C2,A) S Bowring 4 9 4 | N Tobbutt 61 |
| 2 (12) | 3030000 | SET ALIGHT (6)(C4,A)(V) Mrs C Durnell 4 9 1 | M Hallford(5) 45 |
| 3 (3) | 0035000 | CLOVE (34)(F) J A Osborne 3 9 0 | M Fenton 63 |
| 4 (5) | 2040080 | TEQUILA SHEILA (10)(D2,G,S)(P) K R Burke 3 9 0 | P Cosgrave 50 |
| 5 (6) | 0020035 | CEREBUS (18)(C,D,A) M Polglase 3 8 13 | G Gibbons 54 |
| 6 (14) | 4260000 | MITCHELLAND (125)(A,S) J Moffatt 3 8 10 | Hayley Turner 38 |
| 7 (2) | 0100002 | NAN JAN (65)(T) R Ingram 3 8 10 | C Catlin *59 |
| 8 (1) | 14000 | KARASHINO (18)(D,S)(P) J Fahay 3 8 10 | T Hamilton 58 |
| 9 (11) | 6204303 | CHILLY CRACKER (10)(C,A,S) R Hollinshead 3 8 10 | P M Quinn 45 |
| 10 (1) | 0411000 | LADY ALGARHOUD (79)(D2,A) D Ivory 3 8 10 | E Ahern 55 |
| 11 (7) | 0155000 | TIZZY'S LAW (40)(G,S) E Vaughan 4 8 9 | N Callan 45 |
| 12 (13) | 0400030 | DEMATERAF (120)(CD,D,A,F) Ms Deborah J Evans 3 8 8 | J P Gullbert 64 |
| 13 (4) | 0400400 | TAPA (39)(D,S)(B) A Balding 3 8 8 | N Chalmers(3) 50 |
| 14 (9) | 1505020 | LOOK OF EAGLES (48)(D,F) P Cole 3 8 8 | N De Souza(3) 61 |

Star Betting: — 4 Cerebus, 5 Chilly Cracker, 6 Look of Eagles, 7 Nan Jan, 8 Marinatte, Clove, Tapa, 10 Karashino, 12 others.

BEST DRAWN: Tapa (drawn 4) 12%, Karashino (drawn 10) 10%.

2004: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: CHILLY CRACKER Danger: Cerebus

2.30 BETDIRECT MAIDEN STAKES

| Class 5 | 1m4f | (14 runners) | £3,403 |
|---------|---------|---|------------------|
| 1 (14) | 0003 | FOURSWAINBY (558) B Ellison 4 9 4 | T Eaves — |
| 2 (2) | 005 | TILL DO IT (207) (285) J Johnson 4 9 4 | P Pickard(7) — |
| 3 (7) | 0040022 | NEWNHAM (11)(D,F) M Fenton 3 8 12 | F Ahern *73 |
| 4 (9) | 32304 | WEBBSWOOD LAD (11) St Liddard 4 9 4 | M Fenton 48 |
| 5 (1) | 00 | FEEL THE NEED (190) A G Swinbank 3 8 12 | D McKeown 46 |
| 6 (11) | 00 | CRUNZIG (141)(B) K Ryan 3 8 7 | M Hallford(5) 45 |
| 7 (3) | 03530 | PIPER GENERAL (109) M Gibson 3 8 12 | D Gibson 43 |
| 8 (10) | 0465000 | ROYAL SAILOR (22)(B) J C Paulsen 3 8 12 | D Holland 18 |
| 9 (12) | 00400 | USTAD (9) P Gilligan 3 8 12 | C Catlin 25 |
| 10 (8) | 00 | AMOLI (136) K Ryan 3 8 7 | A Culhane 38 |
| 11 (13) | 2550035 | MAAM (11)(B) A Wood 3 8 7 | L Enstone 78 |
| 12 (6) | 4080000 | NAVITY (17) G Margerson 3 8 7 | J P Gullbert 48 |
| 13 (5) | 0040022 | SILSONG (57)(B,F) Mrs G Kellaway 3 8 7 | N De Souza(3) 57 |
| 14 (4) | 63 | SWINDON (164) P Cole 3 8 7 | J Fanning 52 |

Star Betting: — 7-4 Newnham, 3 Maam, 20 Swindon, 10 Piper General, 12 Fourswainby, Webbswood Ladd, 48 others.

BEST DRAWN: Silsong (drawn 5) 22%, Maam (drawn 13) 15%.

2004: Ink In Gold, 3-8-12, (M Lawson(5), 6-1 P Blockley, drawn 6), 14 ran.

STARFORM: SWINDON Danger: Newnham

3.00 LIVE FOOTBALL CASHBACKS AT BETDIRECT H'CAP

| Class 5 | 1m6f | (10 runners) | £3,323 |
|---------|---------|--|-------------------|
| 1 (7) | 250010 | PALAMEDES (59)(D,F,S) R Gray 6 9 12 | N Callan 18 |
| 2 (8) | 1100001 | PEAK PARK (5)(CD,C4,A) L C Gilligan 5 9 11 (96a) | C Catlin — |
| 3 (3) | 0000060 | TRACE (20)(C,D,A,G,S) T Barron 5 9 9 | P Fossey 56 |
| 4 (10) | 2400000 | SUN HILL (5)(D,F,A) J Fairhurst 5 9 9 | P Mulrennan(3) 27 |
| 5 (4) | 6220003 | NIGHT SIGHT (14)(C4,A,F)(B) Mrs S Lymann 5 9 9 | A Culhane 60 |
| 6 (5) | 28102 | GREAT AS GOLD (50)(B,C,A) B Ellison 6 9 0 | T Eaves 56 |
| 7 (1) | 0250022 | RED FOREST (16)(D2,A,F)(T) J Mackie 6 8 12 | D Gibson 53 |
| 8 (9) | 0100060 | STOLEN SONG (6)(C4,A,F)(B) J Ryan 5 8 9 | M Hallford(5) 45 |
| 9 (2) | 1300035 | QUEEN'S DANCER (17)(F,S) M Channon 5 7 9 | E Craigton(3) 63 |
| 10 (5) | 5010028 | HE'S A STAR (7)(J,G) Mrs M Kellaway 5 7 9 | J Quinn *174 |

Star Betting: — 5-2 Peak Park, 5 Red Forest, 6 Night Sight, He's A Star, 8 Queen's Dancer, 10 Palamedes, Great As Gold, Stolen Song, 12 others.

BEST DRAWN: Great As Gold (dr 6) 36%, Sun Hill (dr 10) & Night Sight (dr 4) 18%.

STAR RACING **LINGFIELD: ON 09055-141-602 (res 612)**

| TONY LEWIS | STAR TIP |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.10 LADY HEUREUSE | 1.10 HALCYON MAGIC |
| 2.10 DIVINE WHITE (nap) | 2.10 FARNE ISLAND |
| 3.10 ROCK FEVER | 3.10 LADY HEUREUSE |
| 4.10 LEAH'S PRIDE | 4.10 DESERT LIGHT |
| 5.10 YOUNG KATE | 5.10 BINNION BAY |
| 6.10 MAD | 6.10 MY LILLI |

ROTTWEILER: 1.10 Revolve 1.40 Divine White 2.10 Angel River 2.40 Talpan Tommy 3.10 Bahama Reef 3.40 Senor Bomb

GOING: Standard
PLACEPO: First six races

TRACKFACTS (AW) Polytrack surface. Left-handed course, 1m 2f round with a 21 turn-in. The draw is of little advantage but a fast start is essential. Stalls today inside.

| 1.10 APPRENTICE BANDED STAKES | Class 7 | 1m2f | (14 runners) | £1,469 |
|--|--------------------|------|--------------|--------|
| (1) 053030 GRAM CLOUQUOT (61)(D,F,G) G Enright 10.90 | J Walsh | 58 | | |
| (2) 122140 HALCYON MAGIC (30)(D,F,G,S,B) M Wigham 7.0 | J Walsh | 42 | | |
| (3) 3034620 LADY HEUREUSE (71)(S) Milmann 4.9.0 | Stephanie Bancroft | 58 | | |
| (4) 3034640 MISTER COMPLETELY (16)(D,C,A,F) J R Best 4.9.0 | W A Carson | 77 | | |
| (5) 040044 OKTIS MORILIOUS (39)(D,C,A,F,G,S) A Camp 4.9.0 | S O'Hara | 33 | | |
| (6) 3450440 PRINCE VALDRIE (34)(D) G Moore 4.9.0 | Jemma Marshall | 43 | | |
| (7) 2052424 REVOLVE (37)(P) M J Morgan 5.9.0 | J Doyle | 46 | | |
| (8) 0404350 SHAMWARI FIRE (17)(B,F,D,F) Milmann 5.9.0 | Rory Moore | 44 | | |
| (9) 0000000 SOMEBODY MY LOVE (L)(D,C,A,F,G,S) P Butler 4.9.0 | Liam Jones | 21 | | |
| (10) 2132424 TOJONESKI (44)(A,F,G) Milmann 5.9.0 | D Fontaine | 49 | | |
| (11) 0000000 E BRIDE (16) T Clement 3.10 | R Koofigh | 53 | | |
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BEST DRAWN: Gram Clouquot (drawn 2) 11%, Tojoneski (drawn 3) 9%.

2004: No corresponding race.

| STARFORM: HALCYON MAGIC Danger: Louve Heuresse | 1.40 | MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES | Class 7 | 2YO | 7f | (14 runners) | £1,469 |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------|---------|-----|----|--------------|--------|
| (1) 053030 GRAM CLOUQUOT (61)(D,F,G) G Enright 10.90 | J Walsh | 58 | | | | | |
| (2) 122140 HALCYON MAGIC (30)(D,F,G,S,B) M Wigham 7.0 | J Walsh | 42 | | | | | |
| (3) 3034620 LADY HEUREUSE (71)(S) Milmann 4.9.0 | Stephanie Bancroft | 58 | | | | | |
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BEST DRAWN: Count The Trees (drawn 13) 13%, Master Malarky (drawn 8) 11%.

2004: No corresponding race.

| STARFORM: DIVINE WHITE Danger: Farne Island | 2.10 | BETDIRET TR-BRANDED STAKES | Class 7 | 3YO | 6f | (12 runners) | £1,451 |
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Justified eyes up Arkle

by CHARLES BELL

JUSTIFIED advertised his Festival claims as he comprehensively beat Wild Passion to land the Grade Two Craddockstown Novice Chase at Punchestown yesterday.

The even-money favourite made all under Shay Barry, jumping like a veteran and coming home an eased-down 14 length winner from his main rival Wild Passion.

"He is definitely a better chaser than a hurdler," said trainer Eamonn Sheehy. "If all goes to plan the Arkle at Cheltenham is his long term aim."

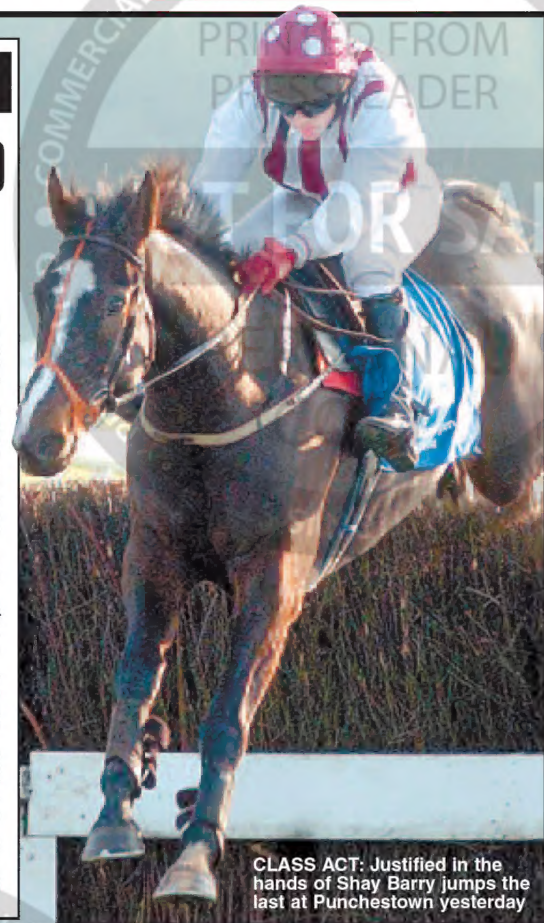
Cashmans make Justified their 7-1 joint-favourite along with Accordion Ettoile for the Arkle.

Brave Inca made a winning return in an eventful renewal of the Grade Two Morgiana Hurdle-beating Essex half a length with Harchibald in third.

Tony McCoy set a sedate early pace before increasing the tempo turning for home where Paul Carberry started to make a move up the inside rail on Harchibald.

He attempted to creep up Brave Inca's inside but the gap closed and he ended up being badly squeezed. That handed the initiative to Brave Inca who was driven out to hold Essex.

"It was a big ask on his first run back," said trainer Colm Murphy. "I was afraid he'd get tired on the soft ground and I am thrilled to bits he won."



CLASS ACT: Justified in the hands of Shay Barry jumps the last at Punchestown yesterday

RACING RESULTS

TODAY'S meeting at Ludlow has been abandoned due to frost and yesterday's card at Towcester went the same way. There are two all-weather cards for racing fans this afternoon.

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AINTREE
1.05 (2m 5f), 1. FAIR ALONG (R Johnson 4-7 fav); 2. Ortolan Bleu (G Lee 10-1); 3. Aviation (F Keniry 9-1); 211, Dis. 6 ran. P Hobbs, Minehead.
Total: £1.60; pl £1.20, £2.70, £5.60. NR: Surprise, Young Thomas.
1.40 (2m 5f), 1. HAKIM (P J Brennan 12-1); 2. Fiori (F Keniry 10-1); 3. Shannon's Pride (L McGrath 20-1); 4. Tantarati (J J Murphy 9-1) ft fav.
Wherever you now 9-1 ft fav 2/21, 41, 51, 23 ran. J Spearing, Kinnear.
Total: £20.50; pl £4.50, £28.70, £4.90, £3.30. exalta: £3,238.80, trifecta not won. cf: £1,190.00, trifecta: £30,400.59.
2.15 (2m 4f), 1. COVENT GARDEN (G Lee 5-1 co fav); 2. Penny Pictures (A Glassbury 16-1); 3. Pebble Bay (D Elsworth 11-2); Halcon Generalaids, Inch Pride 5-1 co fav 41, 2/21, 12 ran. J Howard Johnson, Crook.
Total: £6.40; pl £2.00, £5.20, £2.20. exalta: £107.60, trifecta: £259.80. cf: £76.60, trifecta: £454.14. NR: The Market Man.
2.50 (3m 2f), 1. GARVONN-IAN (G Cotter 33-1); 2. Le Duc (J Tizzard 25-1); 3. Just in Debt (A Dempsey 25-1); 4. It Takes Time (R Johnson 9-1). Forest Gunner 11-2 fav. 7/41, NK, 7/21, 19 ran. E Mitchell, IRELAND.
Total: £46.50; pl £7.70, £5.50, £7.00, £2.40. exalta: £1,405.20, trifecta not won. cf: £871.76, trifecta: £18,934.75.
3.20 (2m 2f), 1. CERUIM (P J Brennan 11-3 fav); 2. Stance (R Johnson 11-2); 3. Feel The Pride (N Fehily 10-1). 51, 51, 5 ran. P Nicholls, Shepton Mallet.
Total: £2.50; pl £1.60, £2.70, exalta: £8.80. cf: £8.51. NR: Starabrus.
3.50 (2m 4f), 1. VINGIS PARK (Mr J J Doyle 16-1); 2. Sergio Coimbra (A Dobbin 7-2 ft fav); 3. Zoltano (G Lee 6-1). Quarrymount 7-2 ft fav 111, 11. 9 ran. V Dartnall, Barnstaple.
Total: £20.30; pl £5.70, £1.90, £2.70. exalta: £159.80. cf: £71.47, trifecta: £381.27. NR: Qualitair Pleasure.
QUADPOT: £73.30
PLACEPOT: £1,963.40
JACKPOT: not won £12,735.00 carried over to Southwell.

PLUMPTON
12.25 (2m), 1. EQUILIBRIA (J E Moore 4-1); 2. Tora Bora (J P McNamara 15-8 fav); 3. Laconicos (G Carezza 25-1). 7/41, 5/21, 13 ran. G L Moore, Brighton.
Total: £4.80; pl £1.40, £1.70, £1.70. exalta: £11.50. cf: £10.28, 12.55 (2m), 1. COLD TURKEY (J E Moore 7-4 ft fav); 2. Kings Signal (P Hide 7-1); 3. Armavir (L Heard 7-4 ft fav). Hd, Sl, 11 ran. G L Moore, Brighton.
Total: £2.60; pl £1.70, £1.80, £1.10. exalta: £17.90. cf: £13.74. NR: Eleazar, Sunshine Rays.
1.30 (3m 2f), 1. STATE OF PLAY (Paul Moloney 9-4 fav); 2. Admirer (M Batchelor 3-1); 3. Howard Peary (A Tinkler 3-1). 91, 7/21, 6 ran. E Williams, Llancafarn.
Total: £2.90; pl £1.90, £1.70, exalta: £12.20. cf: £10.29.
2.05 (2m 5f), 1. JUST A SPLASH (A Tinkler 3-1); 2. Pan The Man (A Thornton 5-1); 3. River Ripples (J P McNamara 5-4 fav). 71, 151, 9 ran. N Clifford, Finsdon.
Total: £3.90; pl £1.10, £1.80, £1.50. exalta: £10.50. cf: £17.77.
2.40 (2m 1f), 1. BIG MOMENT (J Crowley evens fav); 2. Cruising River (S Thomas 7-2); 3. Lewis Island (J E Moore 8-1). 51, 301, 5 ran. Mrs A Perrett, Fulbrough.
Total: £2.10; pl £1.20, £2.30, exalta: £6.70. cf: £5.16.
3.10 (3m 1f), 1. MANQUE NEUF (J P McNamara 6-1); 2. Hidden Storm (D Cross 33-1); 3. Irish Grouse (M Batchelor 10-1). Oasis Banns 6-4 fav 31, 41, 9 ran. M L Richards, Chichester.
Total: £6.50; pl £1.50, £1.40, £2.30. exalta: £182.10. cf: £171.29, trifecta: £1,929.59. NR: Strolling Vagabond.
3.40 (2m), 1. DOLZAGO (P Hide 7-1); 2. Silistra (B Hitchcott 20-1); 3. Team Top (R Stephens 20-1). Isamy 3-1 fav 1/41, 2/21, 10 ran. G L Moore, Brighton.
Total: £5.10; pl £2.60, £4.00, £5.00. exalta: £240.90. cf: £127.02, trifecta: £2,644.35.
QUADPOT: £12.20
PLACEPOT: £19.80

PUNCHSTOWN
12.45 (2m 6f), 1. BRAVE EAGLE (P Carberry 6-4 fav); 2. Glabejet (K Whelan 12-1); 3. Curfew Tolls (R Walsh 6-1); 4. Bilsandobbs (K T Coleman 12-1). 21, Hd, 151, 16 ran. P Kelly, IRELAND.
Total: £2.50; pl £1.60, 3.90, 1.70, 2.90. exalta: £45.00. cf: £23.92, trifecta: £2,644.35.
1.15 (2m), 1. JUSTIFIED (J R Barry evens fav); 2. Wild Passion (P Carberry 13-8); 3. Top Strategy (R Walsh 25-1). 141, 71, 5 ran. E Sheehy, IRELAND.
Total: £2.20; pl £1.10, 1.60. exalta: £3.70. cf: £3.13.
1.45 (2m 4f), 1. KILL DEVIL HILL (J L Cullen 8-1 fav); 2. Mr Babbage (R Walsh 11-2); 3. Loss Of Faith (Mr D W Cullen 12-1). NK, 111, 17 ran. P Nolan, IRELAND.
Total: 1.80; pl 1.30, 1.20, 6.20,

£4.70. exalta: £11.50. cf: £10.28, 12.55 (2m), 1. COLD TURKEY (J E Moore 7-4 ft fav); 2. Kings Signal (P Hide 7-1); 3. Armavir (L Heard 7-4 ft fav). Hd, Sl, 11 ran. G L Moore, Brighton.
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Total: 1.80; pl 1.30, 1.20, 6.20,

11.20. exalta: 5.50. cf: 6.85. NR: Davenport Milenium, Teeming Rain, Cupids Flyer, Riverside Project.
2.15 (2m), 1. BRAVE INCA (A P McCoy 11-4); 2. Essex (R Walsh 9-4); 3. Harchibald (P Carberry 7-4 fav). 7/21, 41, 5 ran. C Murphy, IRELAND.
Total: 2.10; pl 1.80, 1.50. exalta: 8.60. cf: 9.62.
After stewards inquiry result stands.
2.45 (2m), 1. SILK SCREEN (R Walsh 6-1); 2. Commochero (Mr D W Cullen 3-1 fav); 3. Studmaster (T P Treacy 12-1). 51, 1/21, 15 ran. W P Mullins, IRELAND.
Total: 6.10; pl 2.20, 1.80, 4.10. exalta: 17.70. cf: 28.92, trifecta: 235.45. NR: Lala Nova.
3.15 (2m 4f), 1. ALEXANDER TAPAN (R Walsh 5-4 fav); 2. Firth Of Forth (A P McCoy 2-1); 3. Patsy Hall (G T Hutchinson 8-1). 111, 7/21, 21 ran. W P Mullins, IRELAND.
Total: 2.20; pl 1.40, 1.50, 1.80, 17.50. exalta: 4.20. cf: 4.88. NR: Field Marshal, Toolback, All's Rossey, Traile Road.
3.45 (2m), 1. LINE BALL (Mr P Roche 3-1); 2. Derrykeel (Mr M O'Connor 11-2); 3. On Reflection (Mr K E Power 5-1). Farmer Brown 7-4 fav 51, NK, 12 ran. C Roche, IRELAND.
Total: 4.50; pl 2.20, 1.70, 1.80. exalta: 25.70. NR: Wars Mountain, Saddleeppat, Snap Happy.
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Stewards Enquiry - Following A Stewards Inquiry, On Reflection Who Finished Second was Demoted To Third, And Derrykeel Who Finished Third Was Promoted.

JACKPOT: 15.30
SATURDAY NIGHT WOLVERHAMPTON
7.00 (1m 1f), 1. NIGHT GROOVE (S Hitchcott 6-1); 2. Countrywide Belle (J Quinn 4-1); 3. Twentyfirst Damsel (L Keniry 28-1). Scroll 5-2 fav 31, NK, 12 ran. C Tinkler, Compton.
Total: £5.00; pl £1.80, £3.10, £1.90. exalta: £22.80. cf: £34.13. NR: Elstora.
The rest of the meeting was abandoned due to fog.
PLACEPOT: £4.60

SECOND TEST: Vaughan's dropped catch is costly

TIME TO PRAY FOR ENGLAND

MICHAEL VAUGHAN will be praying England's bowlers can spare him further embarrassment today.

Skipper Vaughan returned for the second Test after missing the first Test defeat through injury and saw his bowlers strike early on, having the home side shaking at 73 for three.

But it all turned sour after lunch when Pakistan grabbed the initiative with an aggressive batting display in what could be the pivotal session of the series.

Vaughan dropped a comfortable cover chance to dismiss Shahid Afridi off Mathew Hoggard and Pakistan went on to finish on a very healthy 300 for four.

To Vaughan's disgust, Afridi ended the day 67 not out after a vicious assault on all the England bowlers.

Gloom

Afridi was on 35 when Vaughan blundered and he made the most of his let-off.

He blasted his way to a typical 46-ball 50 with three huge sixes and four fours and featured in an unbroken stand of 99.

With England almost on their knees, Vaughan took the new ball in the gathering gloom to hasten an early close.

Captain Inzamam-ul-Haq had blocked England's path originally with an unbeaten 80 to stabilise the innings.

Inzamam's fourth-wicket stand of 128 with Mohammad Yousuf (78) ensured Pakistan would grab the advantage of winning the toss on a placid pitch.

Coach Duncan Fletcher was unhappy with the costly Vaughan drop. He said: "It was a little bit unfortunate."

"But we took two very good ones - and now and again a catch will go down."

Crucial

"It was a difficult day for us on a pitch which meant winning the toss was crucial. That's seven out of eight we have lost in Pakistan at international level - but you just have to get on with it."

"We got four wickets but wanted one or two more."

"You have to give credit to the bowlers and there was

BUTTER FINGERS:
England skipper Michael Vaughan drops Pakistan danger man Shahid Afridi



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| Pakistan won Toss | |
| Pakistan First Innings | |
| Malik c Flintoff b Hoggard | 27 |
| Butt c G O Jones b Harrison | 26 |
| Khan c Pietersen b Flintoff | 7 |
| Yousuf c & b Bell | 78 |
| ul-Haq not out | 80 |
| Afridi not out | 67 |
| Extras b5 lb1 nb0 | 15 |
| Total 4 wks (81 overs) | 300 |
| Falls: 1-53 2-63 3-73 4-201 | |
| To Bat: Kamran Akmal, Mohammad Sami, Naved-ul-Hasan, Shoaib Akhtar, Danish Kaneria | |
| Bowling: Hoggard 16-0-69-1, Flintoff 21-1-53-1, Giles 10-0-55-0, Harrison 17-4-37-1, Udell 11-1-49-0, Bell 6-1-31-1 | |
| England: Trescothick, Strauss, Vaughan, Bell, Pietersen, Flintoff, Jones, Giles, Udell, Hoggard, Harrison | |
| Umpires: Simon Taufel and Darrell Hair (both Australia) | |
| TV Umpire: Nadeem Ghouri (Pakistan) | |
| Match referee: Roshan Mahanama (Sri Lanka) | |

from RODNEY WHITE
in Faisalabad

also some good fielding out there. The guys stuck to their task but two guys went in there and put up a good partnership."

Steve Harmison got the first breakthrough when Salman Butt edged behind.

Younis Khan donated his wicket via a tame chip to mid-wicket off Andrew Flintoff then Hoggard had reason to thank the all-rounder, whose acrobatic one-handed catch at short

cover removed Shoaib Malik.

If the first three batsmen failed the patience test, the captain and Yousuf proved the right men for the job.

England finally got rid of Yousuf just after tea when Ian Bell claimed a low, one-handed catch off his own bowling.

Replays suggested the ball had gone to ground before he had it fully under control.

But that brought Afridi to the crease to force home Pakistan's advantage.



GROUND HOGG DAY:
Bowler Matthew Hoggard looks dejected after being hit for another four

Latif wants Bell banned

IAN BELL has come under fire from former Pakistan captain Rashid Latif, who last night demanded a five-match ban for the England batsman.

Angry Latif believes Bell should be thrown out of the game for claiming a catch on the first day of the second Test in Faisalabad when TV replays suggested a drive from Mohammad Yousuf hit the ground first.

Unfair

His own career was virtually ended by a five-match ban in 2003 which followed similar circumstances.

Now Latif wants the International Cricket Council to impose a ban on Bell. Latif said: "You look at the TV replays and it is obvious that Bell has claimed an unfair catch."

"The ball touched the ground while he was completing the catch and he would have known about it. Two

by RODNEY WHITE

years ago the match referee ended my career because he felt I had claimed an unfair catch off the ground against Bangladesh. I want to see what they do with Bell."

He said the match referee for the series, Sri Lankan Roshan Mahanama, should impose the ban to give a clear message there was no bias over imposing ICC rules.

Yousuf, dismissed for 78, stood his ground for a while after his drive was picked up low by Bell and eventually trudged off reluctantly.



FEDERER: Rare defeat

Roger 'n' out for Federer

ROGER FEDERER'S 35-match winning streak is over.

The Wimbledon champion lost to David Nalbandian in the Masters Cup final yesterday after winning the first two sets in Shanghai.

Nalbandian won 6-7 6-7 6-2 6-1 7-6 to inflict Federer's fourth defeat of the year and deny him a share of John McEnroe's professional record for a season of 82 wins and three losses, set in 1984.

Hurts

"I surprised the whole world," said Nalbandian, who won \$800,000 and a new Mercedes car.

Federer had won his last 24 tournament finals since October 2003.

"It hurts," said Federer. "I knew I was putting all those records on the line."

"I wish I could have gone two points further."

Federer called an injury time-out in the fourth set and could barely move at the start of the fifth, when he stopped chasing shots.

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RUGBY UNION: Pain of defeat will spur us on vows skipper

CORRY: WE CAN STILL BE WORLD BEATERS



THIS IS GONNA HURT: A bloodied Martin Corry drives England on against the All Blacks – but he says Saturday's narrow defeat will only make his side stronger

by DEAN WILSON
England 19 New Zealand 23

ENGLAND mixed their disappointment at losing to the All Blacks with a hint of joy as they vowed to learn from a narrow defeat at Twickenham.

The pain of a four-point loss will still be hurting the brave squad, but captain Martin Corry reckons it could be the key to World Cup success in two years' time.

England's World Cup winning side of 2003 was born out of more than one Six Nations Grand Slam frustration and painful defeats.

But in the same way that team grew stronger for the losses, Corry believes his side can learn from a hard lesson and use it in their quest to hold on to the Webb Ellis trophy.

Effort

Corry said: "We're all about winning games of rugby, and I would not have taken any defeat at Twickenham before the autumn internationals started.

"But we showed tremendous effort out there and we have a lot of good things going on in this camp.

"I looked around and in the last ten minutes New Zealand were on their knees which makes it really hard to acknowledge it wasn't quite good enough.

"There are a lot of positives to take out of the game and in a couple of years time we'll look back on this defeat as being a key moment for us.

"We know we can beat the best in the world when we are at our best, but we can still lose as well. Hopefully this can toughen us up. You never

know if this could be the first step back on the road to the World Cup as the Grand Slam defeats were for the 2003 side.

"We've got to cop this on the chin but make sure we improve as a result. The lads are desperate to get out and put the ghosts of this game away – that is why I can't wait for next week's game against Samoa."

England took the game to New Zealand right from the off, with a textbook catch-and-drive from a line-out allowing Corry to burrow his way over the line for the try.

Hodgson converted and England were 7-0 up and buzzing with barely three minutes on the clock.

New Zealand recovered to get themselves deep into England territory and no sooner had the impressive Dan Carter got the ball in his hands he was through a gap.

The fly-half's suspected forward pass found skipper Tana Umaga on his shoulder and the try was given next to the posts.

The half continued at breakneck speed, but with both defences standing firm, only Carter and Hodgson penalties adding to the score.

It was New Zealand who fired first in the second period when Keven Mealamu drove over from close range to open up a ten point lead.

But England were in no mood to roll over. With the forwards bossing things up front, New Zealand suffered three sin-binnings as they tried to keep the pack at bay.

Hodgson knocked over two more penalties as England got to within four, but the cynical Kiwi tactics were worth it as they held out for their lives to beat, in Umaga's opinion "our toughest opponents of the season."

Dan the man for fan Tindall

by BEN WOOLNOUGH

MIKE TINDALL knows a right Royal show when he sees one.

And he's seen nothing better than the performance of Dan Carter at Twickenham on Saturday.

The man who has won the rugby World Cup and played with Jonny Wilkinson in his prime said: "Carter is a different class. There are times when you think you have him and suddenly he's off in a different direction.

"Whoever plays for New Zealand in the backs are going to be excellent players and in Dan Carter and Tana Umaga they have two of the best. Carter always looks so relaxed on the ball. He just never

panics. He looks incredibly lethargic on the ball."

Tindall, boyfriend of the Princess Royal's daughter Zara Phillips, added: "If you give New Zealand lots of ball time and space they'll tear you to bits as has been shown over the past few weeks.

"We wanted to shut them down and on the whole I think we did a pretty good job, apart from a couple of mistakes that led to the tries."

Praise

England coach Andy Robinson also heaped praise on the All Blacks playmaker, adding: "Carter is world-class. He has everything you want from a rugby player. He is the world's best number 10.

"The difference was we didn't take our chances, we had them under so much pressure and we didn't finish them off, they took theirs and that was the difference between the two sides. We have to take positives out of the game. We are very frustrated and we are down but we will pick ourselves up again."



TINDALL: Big Carter admirer

■ Scotland 18 Samoa 11

NEW Scotland coach Frank Hadden celebrated his first victory as Scotland coach as tries from Allister Hogg and Marcus di Rollo helped the home side to an 18-11 victory over Samoa. But Hadden knows his side must improve hugely if they are to avoid a thrashing by New Zealand next Saturday.

■ Wales 16 South Africa 33

WALES boss Mike Ruddock has warned Chris Horsman over his future conduct after the Worcester prop was sin-binned for throwing a punch at CJ van der Linde. The Springboks took the game beyond Wales while he was sidelined, and Horsman admitted: "I let myself down and I let the squad down."



BIG MAC: Michael Rutter

Rutter goes six mad

MICHAEL Rutter enjoyed making it six of the best at the expense of his new team boss as he romped to victory in the Macau Superbike Grand Prix. The runaway race winner, who equalled Ron Haslam's record number of wins in the annual event, will be riding for Paul Bird's Stobart Honda team in next year's British Superbike Championship. But that

did not stop Rutter, racing in the annual street-circuit classic aboard the Red Bull Honda, from turning up the heat on Bird and his rider John McGuinness, who had to be content with a distant second place. Bird, however, took some consolation from seeing his Lancastrian rider beaten. He said: "In a way we've won all round. There's no doubting

that Rutter is the king around here and it is good to know that he will be on our bike next year - and also bidding to regain the British title for us. "John seemed to be lacking in confidence, so the instructions to him were to go out and have a good, safe race." ● French rider Bruno Bonhuil, 45, died after crashing heavily during the morning warm-up session.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Fielden rallying cry



DON'T LOSE FAITH

STUART FIELDEN urged everyone to keep the faith in Great Britain despite another harsh footballing lesson from the masters.

Fielden remains confident about the future of international rugby league despite another series failure by the Lions. The Bradford Bulls prop, who needed a pain-killing injection for a back injury at half-time on Saturday, said: "We've achieved a lot to come back in this Tri-Nations and have a great foundation for next year. "The fans have been brilliant and I promise them that we'll be back next year bigger, stronger and more experienced."

Vital

Fielden's personal standing in the game has gone up a notch in this series but his words were the same depressing sentiments that emerge every time GB promise much and fall short.

We are still not good enough to take that vital extra step.

It wasn't as demoralising as the record defeat to the Aussies in last year's Tri-Nations final but the sense of anti-climax at a freezing KC Stadium after what the Lions had done to New Zealand seven days earlier was still enormous.

As the fans streamed away, the same old question was gnawing away at them: When will we ever topple the Kangaroos in a series?

It's 35 years and counting since that happened and the Aussies are now favourites to retain their

by MARTIN RICHARDS
**Great Britain..14
Australia26**

crown in Saturday's final against New Zealand at Elland Road.

Britain had guts and enthusiasm but that doesn't win you Test matches. Skill and respect for possession does and that's where the fumbling Lions fell down.

Australia were not at their best but had the defensive power and attacking class to make the most of their chances.

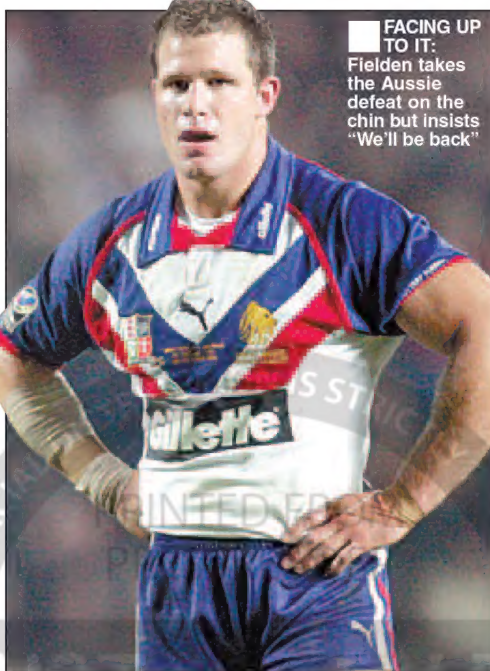
They restricted the Lions to two tries, both scored when Trent Barrett was spending separate spells in the sin bin for professional fouls - an unwanted international record for the St George-Illawarra stand-off.

Debate over foreign imports harming the chances of our junior talent and lack of preparation time will rage this week.

But the stark fact remains that we are now third in the pecking order behind Australia and New Zealand, who both possess the greater depth - plus the higher intensity of the NRL, where most of the Kiwis' Test team play.

The International Federation, which meets today, is expected to ratify plans to take the Tri-Nations to Australia and New Zealand next year.

Fielden hopes the tournament will be structured more fairly in Britain's favour, saying: "Going out there will be better for us because we can hopefully have



FACING UP TO IT:
Fielden takes the Aussie defeat on the chin but insists "We'll be back"

better preparation with a warm-up game instead of going straight into four back-to-back Tests.

"It was a new team that we had coming together this year and you can't expect us to walk out there and suddenly turn it on."

"We'll dig in whatever they give us and do our best. We always start this tournament a couple of yards behind because the Aussies and the Kiwis have already played each other twice. But we are not using this as an excuse. The Aussies deserved it. We were

not clinical enough and turned over too much possession."

Stand-off Iestyn Harris insists Great Britain need similar preparation time to international rugby union teams if they are to make the step up in class.

Harris said: "We didn't have long together and the RFL needs to create time where the Great Britain squad can get together for three or four weekends.

"Look at the RFU, they give England a lot of time together and it shows when they play."

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We use it to mean having one more drink before leaving - but the beery phrase came about because criminals were often offered a final drink at a pub on the way to their execution in Medieval England. Hang it all, I'll have another.

CHINA CHIPS

In China chips are served with sugar rather than salt. Goodness knows what they use instead of malt vinegar.

BAT BOMB

During WW2 the Americans tried to train bats to drop bombs. Presumably only in night bombing raids.

HEADS UP

In Albania, nodding your head means no and shaking your head means yes. Worth remembering if you ever meet a gorgeous Albanian.

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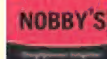
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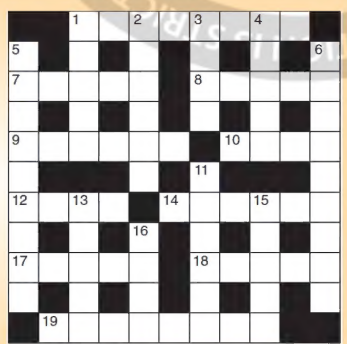
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ACROSS

1. Tony Nottingham Forest, Arsenal and England striker (8)
7. Myrtle women's shot putt Commonwealth champ (5)
8. Portuguese football club (5)
9. Stephen, snooker world champion on seven occasions (6)
10. Hyppia, Liverpool and Finland defender (4)
12. Fuchs, twice women's javelin Olympic champion (4)
14. George, most capped all-time rugby union player (6)
17. Andy twice US Open golf champion (5)
18. Steve, Aston Villa, Portsmouth, Leeds and England midfielder (5)
19. Lancashire and England cricket all-rounder (8)

DOWN

1. Athletic, Premiership football club (5)
2. Aston Villa manager (1'5)
3. Verdi, winner of the 1000 Guineas in 1998 (4)
4. Lady, winner of the Oaks in 1996 (5)
5. Merry, female British 400 metres athlete (9)
6. Liverpool and Spain striker (9)
11. Hernan Chelsea and Argentina striker (6)
13. Winner of the 2000 Guineas in 1990 (5)
15. Boycott, former England batsman (5)
16. Amir, British boxer from Bolton (4)



5 FOR FUN

1. At which racecourse did Best Mate tragically meet his death, in the William Hill Haldon Golf Cup?
2. Roman Romanov is chairman of which football club?
3. Name the striker from Croatia who was top scorer in the final stages of football's World Cup in 1998.
4. Which four letter word in rugby, refers to the ball being released from the hands and kicked on the volley?
5. With which sport would you associate the Vagliano Trophy?

ANSWERS: See Page 49

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STRAIGHT TALKING

Seeing the true potential for a straight from your hole cards is not always as obvious as you might think. Clearly if you land Ace-King you're immediately fizzing with the thought of the highest straight possible. Funnily enough a more humble Ten-Nine has a much better straight potential than the more regal Ace-King. The reason should immediately impact on your brain. Ten-Nine can be used to make Ten-Nine-Eight-Seven-Six if the flop, the turn and the river choose to oblige. However, Ten-Nine also has the chance of producing Nine-Ten-Jack-Queen-King or Eight-Nine-Ten-Jack-Queen or Seven-Eight-Nine-Ten-Jack. Put simply, the hole cards Ten-Nine have four times the chance of producing a straight than Ace-King. This is not something a new player would immediately deduce and is worth filing away in a poker pigeon hole.

MORE ON BLUFFING

Bluffing online is a much tougher task than bluffing in a face to face social game. Physical presence obviously offers far more clues as to an opponent's demeanor. Bluffing online is a different art form and depends to a large extent on position. Why is position critical?

It gives you the opportunity to see how opponents ahead of you are reacting and to note if the situation is looking suitable for a bluff in late position to be attempted. Here's an example to offer clarity.

A player ahead of you raises pre-flop. You are holding Ten and Jack of Diamonds and call. Seven of Hearts, Eight of Diamonds and Three of Spades are delivered by the flop. A flop like this is unlikely to have offered very much to your opponent, but he's possibly holding a better pair of hole cards than you. This is a bluff opportunity unfolding. Go for a small raise so that you look like you're angling for a call. Should your opponent fold, you may well have won the day with a lesser hand than he was holding. Should your opponent call, you're in a position to go for a larger bluff on the turn. Only if he re-raises should you consider giving up on your strategy.

BLUFFING MADE SAFER

The above scenario is the kind of bluffing that goes on amongst experienced players all the time. The safest form of bluffing online for a beginner is to be disciplined enough to take notes on the betting habits of your opponents. Note how they typically play certain hands. A regular habit of studying "hand histories" will assist with this as well. Certain types of player always emerge as the best candidates for a bluff.

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IT will surely win Goal of the Month and maybe Goal of the Season. Wayne Rooney's superb run past five defenders and clever lob for Ruud van Nistelrooy to control, swivel and volley in was a classic. I can't think of a better assist or finish.

woody's

READ THE VOICE OF SPORT EVERY



MY hero of the weekend is definitely Manchester City manager Stuart Pearce. OK, he shouldn't have raced on to the pitch to grab the ball - twice - in an attempt to stop Blackburn stifling the life out of the game. But here was one of the great characters at work.

Pearce (above) is a fan, as well as a manager, and he doesn't like to see football treated so shabbily. He wants action, excitement and goals. His actions produced one of the great moments of the season so far and I hope the FA don't do anything so stupid as to charge him.

What Pearce did is not to be encouraged, but certainly not to be made an example of. Every fan will surely agree.

Peter really is a big guy

IT'S Peter Crouch time again and new emotions from me for the beanpole Liverpool striker who just can't score.

I felt sorry for him on Saturday as he almost broke his duck with a header, missed a penalty and then failed with a one-on-one chance.

Then I admired his honesty in going in front of the TV cameras to talk about his nightmare and revealing that it was his idea to take the penalty.

When you have been the butt of jokes all season that takes some courage. I presume that Crouch, who has lived with opponents and crowds taking the mickey out of his height all of his career, can handle the pressure.

BBC pundit Alan Hansen claimed on Match of the Day that Roy Keane has been the best player ever to grace the Premiership.

A sweeping statement. Has the former Manchester United captain been better than Thierry Henry and Dennis Bergkamp at Arsenal? Better than Eric Cantona or Peter Schmeichel at Old Trafford, Gianfranco Zola at Chelsea, Alan Shearer with Blackburn and now Newcastle or Michael Owen, Liverpool and now Newcastle?

I'd be interested to hear your views.

Keane on legend Roy

MORE than half the Premiership want to sign Roy Keane and I'm surprised it isn't more.

Villa, Bolton, Portsmouth, West Brom, Blackburn, Birmingham, Wigan, Everton, Newcastle and Middlesbrough have all been linked while Celtic would love to have the former Manchester United captain but may not be able to afford him.

I've not always admired Keane's behaviour and 11 red cards for United tells its own story but there is no hiding he has been a legend.

No wonder the list is long and growing. Arsenal have even been linked and that would provide the final twist of this extraordinary saga.

Keane back at Old Trafford playing for United's fiercest rivals? Not sure Fergie could cope.

Lose this



IN COMMAND: Sir Alex Ferguson with two-goal hero Ruud van Nistelrooy and (inset) with No.2 Carlos Queiroz at Charlton



World

MONDAY AND SATURDAY

one, and you could be history Fergie

THAT was the week that was for Manchester United. Another one. Fergie wins, Roy Keane loses but what comes next at Old Trafford is even bigger.

Tomorrow night United have to beat Villarreal to have any real hope of staying in the Champions League. Defeat is unthinkable for the club and its manager.

Sir Alex Ferguson knows he probably would not be able to decide when he follows Keane out of the door if United do not get through the group stage.

He may have won his last fierce battle with his captain but it will mean nothing if United, in front of the fans who idolised Keane, fail to beat their Spanish visitors.

Nonsense

Fergie says it is one of the biggest games in the club's history. He's right and it will decide which direction a new United era is heading.

With the manager or without him, United must not gloat over the Keane situation and we can treat with contempt official statements insisting everything between the club, manager and captain are fine. Corporate nonsense.

The truth hurts and that is why Keane is out of the door. Yes, the manager must have control.

But if Keane was 27 and at his peak then all the rows and the he slaughtered his team-mates would have been brushed under the red boardroom carpet.

The fact he is 34 allowed Fergie to flex his muscles. It was easier for him to do away with Keane at the end of his career.

Control

What he said on camera and what he screamed at assistant manager Carlos Queiroz should not be forgotten just because the captain has gone. The fans who turn up tomorrow night will feel Keane was right in what he said and right to say it.

There are major problems that need addressing and in many ways there is even more pressure on Ferguson. He proved last week he remains in control with the backing of the board. Now he has to get results.

Support from the new owners would soon dwindle if United fail to get out of their Champions League group. There is too much at stake.

Surely, Keane's exit should be the start of a new era at Old Trafford. Whatever happens in the Champ-

■ AT 11am on Friday, Sir Alex Ferguson held a Press briefing and made jokes of questions about Roy Keane's future. He didn't mention Keane had left. Two hours earlier, Fergie had told his captain it was all over. The manager was said to be sad and emotional but hid any feelings from the Press. Takes some doing that. It also shows the complete contempt in which he holds the media.

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| Farnborough 2. Sutton Utd 1. Newport County 1. | Welling 2. Lewes 1. Weston-S-Mare 1. |

Unibond Premier Division: Ashton Utd P

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| Ossett Town P. Bradford Pk Ave P. | Marine P. Farnley Celtic 2. Prescot 0. |
| Cables 0. Frickley 2. Witton Albion 0. | Ilkeston 1. N. N. Forbury 1. Leek P. Blyth Spartans P. |
| Lincoln Utd P. AFC Telford 1. | P. Matlock Town P. Gaisley P. Runcorn 2. |
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Ryman Premier Division: Braintree Town 3

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| Folkestone Invicta 0. Bromley 1. | Billerica 0. Chelmsford 0. AFC Wimbledon 0. |
| East Thurrock 1. Leyton 3. | Fisher 1. Slough 2. Hendon 2. |
| Harrow 1. Malden 2. Staines Town 2. | Redbridge 1. Heybridge 2. Wealdstone P. |
| Walton & Hersham P. Windsor & Eton 0. | Margate 1. Worthing 2. Hampton & Richmond 1. |

Southern League Premier Division: Banbury 1-1. Bath 1.

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| Aylesbury A. Bedford T. D. Halesowen 0. | Chester P. Salisbury P. Chippenham A. |
| Team Bath A. Cirencester 0. | Gloucester 1. Evesham 4. Northwood 0. |
| Hitchin 1. Rugby Town 0. Mangotsfield 4. | Chesham 3. Merton P. King's Lynn P. |
| Tiverton 3. Grantham 1. | |

CRICKET

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| SECOND TEST MATCH: West Indies v Australia (Hobart); West Indies 149 (C. H. Gayle 56, G. D. McGrath 4-31) and 334 (D. J. Bravo 113, D. Ramdin 71, S. K. Warne 4-112) v Australia 406 (M. E. Hussey 137, M. L. Hayden 110, B. J. Hodge 60). |
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GOLF

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| WGC WORLD CUP (Victoria Clube de Golfe, Vilamoura, Portugal) - 3rd rd (Final cancelled because of rain): 199 Wales (B. Dredge, S. Dodd) 61, 191 England (D. Howell, D. Donald) 63, 194 Sweden (H. Stenson, N. Fasth) 63, 194 France (R. Jacquelin, T. Levett) 61, 195 Denmark (A. Hanson, S. Hansen) 63, 196 Netherlands (P. J. Dinkster, M. Leifer) 66, 197 Argentina (R. Gonzalez, A. Cabrera) 67, 198 Germany (C. Reinhardt, A. Caluja) 64, 199 DUNLOP PHEONIX (Phoenix, CC, Japan) - Final rd: 272 T. Woods (USA) 72 (Won Playoff at fourth extra hole); K. Yokoo 69, 274 J. Funk (USA) 73, 275 K. Miyamoto 66, 278 G. Fernandez-Castano (Spa) 66, 277 W.-chong Liang (Chn) 72. |
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RUGBY LEAGUE

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| Gillette Tri-Nations Series Great Britain 14. Australia 26. |
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RUGBY UNION

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| International Matches England 19. New Zealand 23. Ireland 14. Australia 30. |
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Wales 16. South Africa 33.

Scotland 18. Samoa 11.

Guinness Premiership

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| Leeds 28. Northampton 25. | Leeds-T: De Marigny, Snyman, Palmer, C. Ross (2), P. Ross (3). |
| Northampton-T: Spencer, Vilk, Mallon, C. Reihana (2), P. Reihana (2). | Att: 4,564. |
| London Irish 25. Gloucester 10. | London Irish-T: Stribuick, C. Everitt, P. Everitt (3). |
| Gloucester-T: Richards, C. Mercer, P. Mercer. | Att: 9,027. |
| Saracens 27. Newcastle 18. | Saracens-T: Houghton (2), Jackson, C. Jackson (3), P. Jackson (2). |
| Newcastle-T: Hoyle, Burke, Shaw, P. Burke. | Att: 9,413. |
| Wasps 28. Bath 20. | Wasps-T: Baxter (2), Voyce, C. Staunton, King, P. Staunton (2), King, Bath-T: Lippman, P. Malone (4), D.G. Malone. |

National League One

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| Coventry P. London Welsh P. | Earth Titans 25. Doncaster 19. |
| Exeter 47. Sedgley Park 10. | Newbury 40. Nottingham 37. |
| Oldham 19. Partemps Bees 22. | Plymouth A 28. Bedford 23. |

YESTERDAY

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| Harlequins 50. Cornish Pirates 6. | Coventry 26. London Welsh 18. |
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TENNIS

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| TENNIS MASTERS CUP (Shanghai, China)-Final: D. Nalbandian (Arg) bt R. Federer (Swi) 6-7 6-2 6-1 7-6. |
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TODAY'S DIARY

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| FOOTBALL (7.45pm unless stated) Barclays Premiership Birmingham v Bolton (8pm). |
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CRICKET

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| Second Test Match-day 5 of 5: Australia v West Indies (Hobart). |
| Second Test Match-day 2 of 5: Pakistan v England (Faisalabad). |

YOUR TURN ANSWERS

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| Charlton v Man Utd Chris Perry; Chelsea v Newcastle 8; Liverpool v Portsmouth Ian St John; Man City v Blackburn 13; Sunderland v Aston Villa David Bellon; West Brom v Everton Zoltan Gera; Wigan v Arsenal Bruce Rioch; Middlesbrough v Fulham Bowdwin Zenden; Tottenham v West Ham Bobby Zamora. |
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SATURDAY'S SPORTWORD

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| ACROSS: 1. McFadden, 6. Verse, 7. Gross, 9. Usher, 10. Jochen, 12. Hughes, 14. Emre, 17. Niall, 18. Gross, 19. Sinclair, 20. Curie, 3. Alex, 4. Dickov, 5. Neath, 6. Vaughan, 8. Gunners, 11. Berlin, 13. Glass, 15. Maori, 16. Egil. |
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FIVE FOR FUN ANSWERS

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| 1. Euphoric, 2. Hearts, 3. Davor Suker, 4. Punt, 5. Golf. |
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KEANE SUPPORTERS: Young United fans make their point

ions League, Fergie should go at the end of the season.

Gary Neville and not Ruud van Nistelrooy, who has worn the armband in Keane's absence, should be the new club captain. Neville is hugely respected and has the experience and intelligence to be a great ambassador for United.

Like Keane, he would not be afraid to hand some of United's young, new players a reality check from the comfort of their millionaire lifestyles.

Keane went berserk when he heard Kieran Richardson boasting about

ordering a new Bentley and that is what Neville needs to follow.

Only certain characters deserve to wear the red of United and Fergie has made too many recent mistakes in the transfer market.

It is why Michael Ballack has to be delivered from Bayern Munich and why the club deserve to be criticised for not signing Ronaldinho and Michael Essien.

A new Keane needs to be found and Alan Smith is doing his best in that role.

Smith was one of those criticised in the video and will probably be relieved to see Keane go.

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Fergie doing fine as deadly



TAKE THAT:
Ruud van Nistelrooy volleys home his first against Charlton

Keano KO Van hell of a blow

by DANNY FULLBROOK

MANCHESTER United skipper Ruud van Nistelrooy has admitted the team's shock at Roy Keane's departure.

The Dutchman scored two goals in United's 3-1 victory over Charlton, and will be investigated by police over his celebrations which injured a Valley steward and saw two fans arrested.

Focus

But he paid an emotional tribute to Keane, saying: "We heard about it on Friday and it was huge shock. Hearing that news made it a sad day. "I needed some time to deal with that and to get over it, which was impossible in such a short space of time. But you

have to try and forget it a little and focus on the game, even though it made such an impact on us.

"It is difficult to say whether this will be the start of a new era because it was all so fresh.

"I think Roy will always be remembered as one of the greatest ever to play for the club and his leadership, quality of play and character will always be with us as well.

"I worked hard and trained with him for four-and-a-half-years and he is the best player I have ever played with.

"It is just a shame that it had to end."



JUST A SECOND:
The Van Man hits in No.2

duo show future is bright at United

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RUUD AND ROONEY CALL NEW TUNE

SIR Alex Ferguson sat as calmly as a Mafia boss who had just ruthlessly cut adrift a disloyal lieutenant.

Having established there is only room for one 'Made Man' at Old Trafford, Fergie got on with business as usual, refusing to be drawn into the emotion swirling around Roy Keane's shock departure.

As Charlton boss Alan Curbishley revealed: "I left Sir Alex alone in my office before the game. He watched some of the horse racing, he watched a little of Wigan against Arsenal. He was fine."

Curbs then joked: "He then came into our dressing room, listened to our team talk and went out and battered us."

Fergie may have been hurting but he never showed it at The Valley – but, then again, that is how a dictator generally operates.

The thick-skinned Scot has not survived 19 years at the Theatre of Dreams without developing a killer instinct and an art for self-preservation.

His fallen skipper may have been on the fans' agenda, as "Keane" rang around south east London. However, as far as Fergie was concerned, Saturday was all about Ruud and Rooney and the future rather than the past.

The United strikeforce destroyed a poor Charlton side, who appear to have run out of steam before Christmas rather than after it.

Typically it was Keane's midfield replacement, Alan Smith, who drilled home United's opener in a scintillating first half before the 'Two Rs' took over.

Destructive

Darren Ambrose had the temerity to equalise, but then Ruud Van Nistelrooy volleyed home a brilliant goal after a fantastic Wayne Rooney run. Part of Keane's problem in the last 18 months was that not enough players were performing to their potential.

That could not be said about Rooney and Van Nistelrooy on Saturday as they proved what a destructive partnership they can be.

The main characteristic of a Mafia leader is that he is never wrong. So it is no surprise that Fergie's decision to use Rooney as a winger for the first 14 months of his United career has been shoved under the carpet.

It wound Keane up, as did Carlos Queiroz's convoluted tactics, as the Irishman urged Fergie to return to a high-tempo 4-2-2 system.

That is exactly what the United boss has done. But, of course, it was all his idea, nothing to do with the screaming rants of his former captain who could see a proud club crashing around his ears.

Despite seeing his side ripped apart, Curbishley could not help but want to sit in the presence of one of the game's greats.

Curbs said: "You don't often get to see other managers these days, so I wanted to spend some time with Sir Alex."

"He has had a rough week, but that is par for



by **DANNY FULLBROOK**

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the course with Manchester United. Every manager has his type of pressure to deal with.

"The club comes first and it always will do. The manager's brief is to try and make the club better than when you took over and to keep it going."

"The club was always going to be bigger than one person and things move on. Manchester United and Roy Keane have got to move on."

"I played against Bryan Robson and they said he could never be replaced – and now they are saying that about Keane."

"Sir Alex was okay. He knows that Manchester United cannot stand still. He told me the way they played in the first half was the best they have done all season."

"He knew that they had to win today and that he has a massive game in the Champions League in midweek. Week-in and week-out, Sir Alex knows his team can't afford to relax."

The same could not be said about Curbishley, whose side have lost three games in a row now. He said: "We have lost a bit of professionalism in the way that we are able to close games out. We got back into this game and then four minutes later had thrown it all away."

AT A GLANCE

CHARLTON: Andersen, Young, El Karkouri, Hristov, Powell, Rommedahl (Thomas 55), Murphy, Kishishev (Bothroyd 77), Smertin, Ambrose, Bent. Subs: Perry, Hughes, Myhre. MAN UTD: Van der Sar, O'Shea, Ferdinand, Brown, Silvestre, Fletcher (Bardsley 89), Smith, Scholes, Ronaldo (Park 75), Rooney, van Nistelrooy (Richardson 85), Subs: Howard, Rossi. REFEREE: M Riley. PINT RATING:

FIVE KEY MOMENTS:
34mins: Darren Bent pushes a great chance to score wide.
37: Rooney and Fletcher help set Smith up for opening goal.
65: Darren Ambrose's 20-yard strike gives Charlton a chance.
70: Rooney beats four players and then lifts a great cross for van Nistelrooy to volley home.
86: Van Nistelrooy drills home his second goal.
CRACKER: Ruud van Nistelrooy – led the team with style.
SLACKER: Dennis Rommedahl – attacking play is let down by his refusal to track back.
YOUR TURK: Which Charlton defender came on as a sub and was sent off when United won this fixture 4-0 last season?

HIT VAN:
Ruud van Nistelrooy and Rooney celebrate



Juve set to swoop

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Champions League semi-final second-leg when he led United to victory despite collecting the yellow card that would ban him from the final.

Juve boss Fabio Capello wants to link him with Vieira, who was Keane's arch-rival for years as Arsenal and United battled for the title.

Albion boss Robson, however, believes he is winning the race for Keane and that could mean an emotional reunion with United when they visit the Hawthorns on March 18.

There's also interest from Everton, Aston Villa, Portsmouth, Birmingham, Newcastle, Bolton, Wigan and even Manchester rivals City.

Keane had been widely expected to join his boyhood love Celtic but **Starsport** understands boss Gordon Strachan is not keen to take the veteran midfielder.

Strachan has battled through a tough start to his Parkhead career and has now steered them to the top of the Scottish Premier League. He feels Keane would interrupt his team's development, rather than enhance it.

Celtic chairman Brian Quinn insists he's not prepared to break the club's wage-structure to sign him.

Settled

Keane earned £90,000 a week at United and Quinn said: "There are two separate issues. One is a footballing issue, whether Roy would fit into Gordon's plans and the formation because the team is playing very well just now and is very settled."

"But that is Gordon's judgement and we have to take that into account."

"The other is the business side, and we would have to wait and see what is proposed."

"We have heard nothing from Roy Keane, nothing from his representatives."

Manchester City boss Stuart Pearce has declared his interest in signing Keane but the Blues may be ruled out by their £30m-plus debts.

Pearce claims there would be no problem in the former United captain crossing the city divide.

The City manager said: "We are certainly looking at players who might improve our team. Roy is a good player, one who can improve our team."

"He is a good player and that is borne out by the number of teams who have been associated with a player who has only been released by his club for a couple of days."

Riq: We'll rock Reds

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than them, but they know they have to win, whereas a point would be enough for us.

"If we score, United will need a miracle to save them. They were lucky when they played us at home. Edwin Van der Sar saved them."

"Roy Keane was their driving force. There is no player at United who can be as good as him in the midfield."

Riquelme still refuses to be impressed by United and England sensation Wayne Rooney.

He said: "My opinion about Rooney has not changed after the match against England. He is young and he is a fighter but still, for me, he is not in the category of superstar."

Abusrd

"He needs to work harder for the team and to change his character in the field."

"For example in Villarreal, his red card was absurd and I am sure his manager will speak to him about it."

Sir Alex Ferguson has admitted this is United's most important game for years.

He said: "It is absolutely vital, we have got to win this game."

"I cannot think of a more important game because we want to progress in Europe."

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Juan plotting United's fall

■ **EXCLUSIVE** by **DANNY FULLBROOK**

ARGENTINE destroyer Juan Roman Riquelme insists Manchester United will crumble under Champions League pressure.

The Villarreal playmaker wants revenge against United for his country's painful defeat by England - but he won't be around to inspire it.

Riquelme is out of tomorrow's Old Trafford clash with a thigh strain collected in training. And in a huge boost for United, Villarreal have also ruled out former Old Trafford striker Diego Forlan. Antonio Guayre and central defender Quique Alvarez.



RIQUELME: Missing out

Defiant

But Riquelme remains defiant, saying: "I want revenge against United for what happened between England and Argentina."

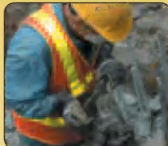
"Villarreal know we can win this game. It is not a mirage. We are leaders of the group and we want to prove why."

"But the pressure will be all on United. We are better

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JUVE IN SHOCK BID FOR KEANE



Italians want him to team up with Vieira

JUVENTUS last night emerged with a shock bid to sign Roy Keane and pair him with his old Arsenal rival Patrick Vieira.

The Italian champions have made serious enquiries about Keane, who made a dramatic exit from Manchester United on Friday.

Celtic, early favourites to sign the midfielder, have not made a move over the weekend but Bryan Robson is confident he can keep Keane in the Premiership with West Brom.

Irishman Keane, 34, can't play for another club until the transfer win-

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dow opens on January 1, according to the FIFA rules.

Juve, who paid £13m for Vieira in the summer, want to add him to their squad even though he'll be ineligible for Europe as he's played for United in this season's Champions League.

The Turin club will never forget Keane's immense performance against them in the 1999

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